

NSA Coordinator to Resign

Miss Edith Ravitch, NSA-coordinator, has made known her intention to hand in her resignation at the next Student Council meeting. This decision came about soon after the events of the Student Council meeting of December 13th, when Miss Ravitch and other members of the council walked out. When asked why she left, Miss Ravitch stated: "I find that I'm no longer able to participate in council because I feel it is inherently undemocratic, disorganized, and hostile." She informed the Envoy that the idea of resigning came to her after she had left the Council meeting. At that time, she was approached by the 2nd Vice President of council, Fran Lazar. She went on to say that "Miss Lazar informed me that she would begin impeachment proceedings." These proceedings would be initiated if Miss Ravitch did not hand in her resignation within a week. "I felt it would be more valuable to me to resign as an act of protest."

At this session, it was resolved to adopt a policy of non-interference with the Career

Counseling and Placement Bureau in reference to the CIA's recruiting on campus. When the time came to introduce this resolution, a section of the body, including Miss Ravitch, rose and left the meeting. One of the



Edith Ravitch, NSA Coordinator, said that the council members who left, Marilyn Marcossan, President, Inter-Club Council, made the following statement: "I feel that the atmosphere of the proceeding business of Council, specifically the ICC report and the Faculty Council resolution (for student observers), negated the possibility of objective or rational consideration on the CIA recruitment resolution. By the time we got up to that resolution, the meeting was hopelessly embroiled in personal diatribes. For this reason I felt that the most open way I could express this was by leaving the meeting."

A quorum call was requested after the people left the room, to determine if there were enough members present for the meeting to officially proceed, but the chair refused to recognize anyone for such a call. The issue was debated unofficially and with much emotionalism for 45 minutes before the secretary, who had been seeking recognition all the while, was permitted to suggest that the CIA

resolution be moved to the floor for discussion. A roll call vote was taken after the debate. The results were two split votes, cast by Jan. '69 and Jan. '70; three con votes, cast by the Special Interest Block, Treasurer, and June '69, and nine pro votes, cast by the President, Vice President, Secretary, June '68, Jan. '68, June '67, June '70, Pan-Hellenic, and Religious Clubs.

Judith Fraenkel, Treasurer, and the Class of June '69 stated that they were voting against the resolution "not because we don't endorse the CIA, but because we don't feel that a group should have the right to recruit on the college campus."

The resolution read:

WHEREAS: The Career Counseling and Placement Bureau performs a service to the students of Hunter College by providing facilities for interviews with prospective employers in various fields and

WHEREAS: To restrict in any way the due functioning of this Bureau would be to infringe upon the right of students to make full use of its services if they so desire

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Park Avenue Student Self-Government Association adopt a policy of non-interference with the functioning of this Bureau, specifically with regard to the prospective visit of the CIA recruiter on December 22, 1966.